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REPORT

OF

THE FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

OF THE

TOWN OF ORANGE,

INCLUDING THE REPORT OF THE

Superintending School Committee,

FOR THE

Year ending February 28, 1874.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

Treasurer's Report for year ending March first, 1874.

The selectmen charge themselves as follows:

| | |
|---|------------|
| Rec'd of Treasurer of 1872, | \$215 55 |
| Collector " 1873, | 3,107 55 |
| " 1872, | 412 14 |
| " 1871, | 253 61 |
| " 1870, | 97 00 |
| Money hired, Mary E. Wilmarth, | 50 00 |
| Jane Steenbarger, | 100 00 |
| Adoniram Martin, | 20 00 |
| Arthur A. Briggs, | 100 00 |
| Joseph Briggs, | 525 00 |
| " " | 500 00 |
| Rec'd of Levi E. Flanders, Treasurer of 1871, | 11 28 |
| Interest on bonds, | 180 00 |
| Railroad Tax, | 39 83 |
| Savings Bank Tax, | 39 43 |
| Literary fund, | 46 36 |
| Rec'd of B. F. Andrew on Note, | 3 00 |
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| | \$5,700 75 |

EXPENDITURES.

| | |
|---|--------|
| Paid State Tax, | 360 00 |
| County " | 244 20 |
| E. C. Eastman for books & stationery, | 3 89 |
| C. O. Barney printing Report, | 12 00 |
| B. F. Andrew School House tax for 1871, | 6 20 |
| J. C. Chapman for use of school house, | 5 00 |
| L. E. Flanders balance school house tax for 1872, | 11 49 |
| N. G. Cilley, Work on road, | 22 00 |
| Jacob Ferrin, " " | 45 |
| Chellis Emery, " " | 4 00 |
| E. C. Eastman, " " | 3 39 |
| Greenleaf Stevens " " | 15 00 |
| Benaiah Wheeler, " & plank for 1872, | 26 40 |
| Dolly C. True, for plank, | 3 50 |
| Josiah Doe, for work on road & plank, | 11 19 |
| Dudley S. Folsom, " " | 3 50 |
| William B. Huse, " " | 90 |
| Edmund P. Brock, " " | 6 00 |
| William George, " " | 6 00 |
| Nathan G. Cilley, " " | 6 77 |
| R. R. Smith, for Plank | 14 47 |
| F. G. Dimond, for work on road & bridge timber, | 5 89 |
| Josiah Doe, for plank & repairing bridges, | 46 |
| J. P. Flanders, Breaking roads, | 11 10 |
| I. N. Hobart, " " | 2 50 |
| Arial B. Martin, " " | 39 07 |
| H. C. Kendall, " " | 1 95 |
| Chellis Emery, " " for 1871 | 5 00 |
| Hiram W. Ferrin, for work on road, | 11 91 |
| Joseph C. Chapman, damage by dogs, | 2 00 |
| B. F. Andrew, for plank, | 3 00 |
| Daniel Sanborn, for work on the Kilburn tax, | 10 40 |
| Albert Goodrich breaking road, | 5 00 |
| Norman Hadley, highway order, | 2 00 |
| Jesse Barney, " " | 9 75 |
| Peter S. Braley, " " | 1 67 |
| E. E. Follansbee, " " | 1 80 |
| James Buffum, " " | 3 90 |
| " " 1870, | 2 00 |
| Luther Bullock, " " | 6 75 |

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| Arial B. Martin, it being money in L. E. Flander's hands | |
| for which the town hold a note, | 37 75 |
| Reuben Batchelder, work on road, | 10 00 |

 940 25

PAID ON NOTES.

| | |
|------------------|----------|
| Thomas Sanborn, | 1,094 59 |
| Geo. W Murray, | 1,009 43 |
| A. M. Shackfork, | 80 |
| Adoniram Martin, | 20 00 |
| Mary E Wilmarth, | 51 00 |
| Almer Sanborn, | 275 15 |
| Jane Steenbarg, | 102 00 |
| Thomas Sanborn, | 12 61 |
| Ebenezer Hoyt, | 382 70 |
| John Ford, | 55 24 |
| Zenas Whittier, | 93 67 |

 \$3,097 19

SCHOOL MONEY.

| | |
|--------------|-------|
| Dist. No. 1, | 56 23 |
| 2, | 29 96 |
| 3, | 48 60 |
| 4, | 58 02 |
| 5, | 56 31 |
| 6, | 28 11 |
| 7, | 57 40 |
| Union, | 15 37 |

 350 00
LITERARY FUND &
DOG TAX.

| | |
|--------------|-------|
| Dist. No. 1, | 20 58 |
| 2, | 11 46 |
| 3, | 13 74 |
| 4, | 11 46 |
| 5, | 9 94 |
| 6, | 6 92 |
| 7, | 15 26 |

 89 36

Dist. No. 5 Literary fund for 1872,

4 15

ABATEMENTS OF TAXES.

| | | | |
|------------------------|-------|----------------------------|------|
| ABATEMENTS 1871. | | Frank T. Underhill, | 4 26 |
| B. F. Dunklee, | 4 86 | Edwin A. Sanborn, paid in | |
| George W. Barton, | 3 15 | Mass, | 3 00 |
| Joseph True, | 3 15 | Andrew J. Derush, | 3 00 |
| Frank T. Underhill, | 11 70 | Samuel C. Smith, | 3 00 |
| John Mc Grath, paid in | | Charles C. Crosby, | 3 00 |
| Dorchester, | 4 13 | George H. Collins, paid in | |

| | | | |
|------------------------------|-------|---------------------------|-------|
| Isaac N. Ford, | 4 13 | Peterboro, | 3 00 |
| Jepheth Gray | 4 13 | Dearborn Gray, Dog tax, | 1 00 |
| Jonas Patten, | 4 13 | Sumner Chellis, | 3 00 |
| Lorenzo Manuel, | 98 | Albert Martin, | 3 90 |
| Parker K. Gray, | 4 13 | James Simons, | 3 00 |
| Frank Goodrich, | 4 13 | Asa W. Kendall, | 3 00 |
| Webster Whittier, | 4 13 | Jarvis Hall, | 18 |
| | — — | Reuben Bachelder, Illegal | |
| | 52 75 | Tax, | 4 50 |
| 1872. | | Albert Underhill, | 3 00 |
| Asa W. Kendall, | 2 20 | William Morris, | 3 00 |
| Horace B. Corless, | 2 65 | | |
| Richard Printice, | 2 20 | | 47 20 |
| Simon Tuttle, | 3 15 | NON-RESIDENTS. | |
| Henry Brown, | 2 20 | Elijah Smith, | 3 00 |
| George E. Place, | 2 20 | Jesse Barney, | 4 95 |
| Frank T. Underhill, | 7 83 | E. E. Follansbee, | 1 80 |
| Chellis Emery, Tax on horse, | 1 60 | Frank T. Underhill, | 1 63 |
| | — — | Isaac & John Bullock | 2 28 |
| | 24 03 | | |
| 1873. | | | 13 66 |
| E. O. Lowell, poll tax, | 3 00 | | |

PAUPER BILLS.

| | |
|-------------------|-------|
| Moses T. Hale, | 6 73 |
| Moses Hoyt, | 20 32 |
| Andrew J. Derush, | 7 00 |
| | 34 05 |

TOWN OFFICER'S BILLS.

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| James Morrill, first selectman, | 25 50 |
| Hiram W. Ferrin, second " | 18 25 |
| Charles H. Ford, third " | 25 75 |
| " " " S. S. Committee, | 20 00 |
| " " " Town Treasurer, | 10 00 |
| " " " for stationery, postage & express, | 2 75 |
| Herman G. Hadley, Town Clerk, | 12 00 |
| Adoniram Ford, Collector, | 47 00 |
| Joseph Briggs, Auditor, | 1 50 |
| John H. French, " | 1 50 |
| | 164 25 |

AMOUNT OF NOTES AND INTEREST AGAINST THE TOWN, MARCH 1st, 1874.

| | | | |
|----------------------|--------|-------------------|-----------|
| Harriet Ward, | 57 69 | John Aldrich, | 56 63 |
| Washington Whittier, | 66 10 | A. M. Shackford, | 1187 00 |
| Thomas Sanborn, | 741 07 | Mary Martin, | 120 89 |
| John C. Waldron, | 67 23 | D. N. Ladd, | 108 54 |
| Jas. S. Knowlton, | 63 81 | B. Lowell, | 27 11 |
| Abel Ford, | 265 96 | C. F. Trussell, | 323 83 |
| Candace R. Trussell, | 276 53 | E. C. Wallace | 64 00 |
| Carlos S. Martin, | 220 05 | C. W. Cook | 80 00 |
| J. P. Barber, | 341 24 | Arthur A. Briggs, | 101 70 |
| M. L. Hoyt, | 117 53 | Joseph Briggs, | 533 92 |
| Amanda M. Hadley, | 104 35 | " " | 505 00 |
| Samuel Hoyt, | 232 02 | | |
| Byron Martin, | 83 67 | | \$5745,87 |

AVAILABILITIES.

| | | |
|--|---------------------|---------|
| Notes due the town from | Adoniram Ford, | 600 00 |
| " " " | James Morrill, | 97 00 |
| " " " | Enoch C. Eastman, | 97 12 |
| " " " | Daniel Sanborn, | 80 00 |
| " " " | Benjamin F. Andrew, | 28 80 |
| " " " | Levi E. Flanders, | 37 75 |
| In the hands of Collector for 1871, | | 156 12 |
| " " " 1866, | | 5 00 |
| " " " 1865, | | 4 92 |
| " " " Treasurer, 1873, | | 883 86 |
| Interest due on Bonds, | | 20 00 |
| Bonds, | | 2000 00 |
| | | 4010 57 |
| Amount of notes and interest against the town, | | 5745 87 |
| Availabilities due the town, | | 4010 57 |
| | | 1735 30 |

JOSEPH BRIGGS, }
JOHN H. FRENCH, } AUDITORS

S. S. COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

DISTRICT NO. 1

JOSEPH C. CHAPMAN, Prudential Committee. Summer term was under the care of Miss Helen M. Avery. This was Miss A's first attempt at teaching, and, entering the school under very unfavorable circumstances, the school wasn't what it might, and otherwise ought to have been, yet I think Miss Avery had as good success as most of us would under the circumstances.

Winter term. Ill luck seemed to be the district's portion at the commencement of this term also. It was begun by Sarah M. Winship, with the prospect of a good school, but after two weeks Miss W. was taken sick and gave up the school.

And the second attempt (or third term) closed after keeping one week. The committee then secured the services of Miss Mary E. Huse, who went into the school with the determination to succeed and I think she did her whole duty, as all will say that took any interest in the school. As it was an excellent school, I would say to the district, another year start right and all will be right I doubt not.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

JESSE BARNEY, Prudential Committee. First term was under the charge of Miss Mary E. Gifford, who met with as good success as in former terms under her care. The scholars made good improvement in their studies, and the term was a satisfactory one.

Winter term. Miss Mary E. Huse teacher of this term. A teacher of much experience, order good, and the improvement the scholars made was as good as any one could ask for. I have no poor terms to credit Miss Huse with, yet I consider this one of her best terms, in which the scholars and district have reason to return to her their thanks for the interest she took in their behalf.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

DUDLEY S. FOLSOM, Prudential Committee. Summer term, was under the instruction of Miss R. B. Waldron. This was her first attempt at teaching. The scholars made very good progress in their studies, and I think with practice Miss Waldron would make a good teacher. The school was quite satisfactory.

The second term was taught by Miss Hattie A. Hersey, who seemed to win the love and respect of her scholars, and the improvement was quite good, and I presume the term was satisfactory to the district, yet I think for the good of the scholars and the teacher a little stronger *rule* would not come amiss in this district.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

DANIEL SANBORN, Prudential Committee. Mrs. Mellie Plummer teacher of the summer term. This school was as quiet and orderly as any in town. Mrs. P. secured the respect and love of her pupils, and the confidence of the district, and a good school was the result. At the request of Mrs. P. I present you with the names of those scholars that did not receive an absent or tardy mark. Bertie N. Ford, Fannie F. Sanborn, Katie B. Cilley, Olive A. Ford, Judith S. Ford.

Winter term was under the care of Miss Hattie M. Cilley. The teacher labored hard to make this a profitable term, and the progress made by the scholars was such as to credit her with a successful school.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

RICHARD R. SMITH, Prudential Committee. But one term during the year under the instruction of Miss Lucie E. Reed. The scholars appeared to try and succeed and they made fair progress in their studies.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

ARIAL B. MARTIN, Prudential Committee. But one term in this district, under the charge of Miss Mary E. Durgin. I made but one visit to this school but the school appeared then to have the prospect of being a good one, and I learn the success was satisfactory. Order good and the school very quiet.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

HIRAM W. FERRIN, Prudential Committee. Miss Mary E. Huse teacher of the first term. Order good, teacher capable, scholars attentive, and the school a success.

Winter term was under the instruction of Miss Laura B. Sanborn, who met with a fair degree of success, as the scholars made very good improvement in their studies and as far as I have learned the term was satisfactory to the district.

To the Citizens of Orange:

Agreeably to the demands of the Laws of New Hampshire, relating to our common schools, I will at this time present you with this, my second annual report. I am well aware that I shall not be able to present you much that is new, but shall still confront you with the same old topics, which I believe to be for the good of our schools.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE: This is an office that should be filled by persons of judgment, and by a person that has interest in the schools, of his district and town, as they have as much responsibility as any one that has any thing to do with our schools, and no one should have the office because it may be their turn unless he has the right qualifications. Elect none but men that will work for the good of all, and who are interested in the cause of education, and rising above personal feelings and selfish motives, secure teachers that are capable of teaching if they have to pay a little extra, as I believe that we had better pay one dollar a day to a good teacher than fifty cents to a poor one who will leave the school no farther advanced than when they began. I still advocate the practice of employing the same teacher in the same school for a number of terms, when they prove by their acts that they possess the fitness for that school.

It seems to be the prevailing opinion that the S. S. Committee is in the fault if our schools don't come up to that high standard that they should, the Committee ought not to receive more than his share of the blame. If you will for a moment examine the position that the Committee is placed in, I think you will come to the same conclusion.

Teachers seldom present themselves for examination till about the time the school is to commence and of course have prepared themselves for the task, and answer all or nearly all the questions presented to them and yet be unfit for the position of teacher. And the teachers may be entire strangers to the Committee, yet he has to judge of their moral character and their capacity for the government of the school in so short a time, is there not a chance to be sadly deceived? therefore do not attach too much blame to the Committee until you find them in the fault.

Parents, I must again ask you to look after your scholars, see that they are regular at school, and in season, as no scholars can meet with success as a scholar unless they pay strict attention to their school and studies. Visit the school twice during the term at least. It is with pleasure that I am able to report an improvement in the number of visits by parents, in some of the districts, yet the number is far too small, and I trust our next Committee will be able to report a still better improvement.

It is with regret that I see so many young men and young ladies wasting their time when they should be at school. There seems to be a class of young men when they can figure out how much money will be sufficient to buy their tobacco and that other vile destroyer rum, they are capital in arithmetic, and can profane the name of their heavenly Father, that they have become thorough in grammar. And there is also a class of young ladies, when they have gained the title of a first class flirt they have accomplished their desire for an education. Parents it should be your duty to instill into the minds of your children, the necessity of an education, and to warn them from the paths of intemperance and vice.

And now young men and ladies as a friend, I would advise you to spend your spare moments and money in securing to yourselves an education, which will be a blessing to you in all coming time.

And now commending the welfare of our schools to the supervision of my successor and care of the community, I will return to all my thanks for your respect and kindness, and bid you farewell.

C. H. FORD, S. S. COMMITTEE
of Orange.

SCHEDULE OF SCHOOLS.

| | No. of District. | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Length of school in weeks. | 6 | 7 | 7 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 |
| Wages teachers per month. | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 |
| Whole number of scholars. | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Average attendance. | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| No. attending to reading. | 23 | 23 | 23 | 23 | 23 | 23 | 23 | 23 | 23 | 23 |
| Spelling. | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| Arithmetic. | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Grammar. | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| Geography. | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| No. of visits. | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |

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